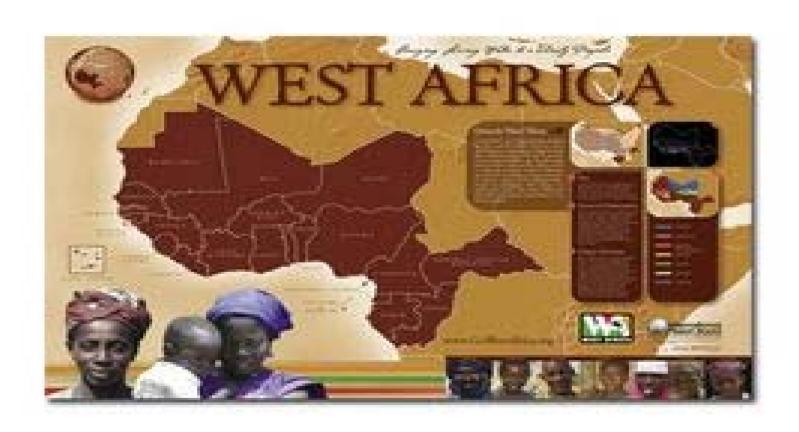
AN OVERVIEW OF NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE **EXTENSION FARM SERVE** AFRICA (FSA) PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The United States Agency For International Development (USAID), Occupational Industrialization Center International (OICI) & North Carolina A&T State University are collaborating to conduct Farm Serve Africa (FSA) Program in West Africa utilizing volunteer agriculturists and others

A MAP OF WEST AFRICA



FSA GOAL

Main Goal:

Raise productivity among African farmers & promote entrepreneurship to reduce hunger in Africa.

FSA OBJECTIVE

Primary Objective:

To improve technical capacities of the African farmers in production, processing, agribusiness and marketing.

RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

- 1. Human Resources
- University Faculty/Staff/Graduate Students.
- External Extension Personnel
- Farmers & Agribusiness Owners
- Teachers of Agriculture
- **Alumni**
- Organizations/Agencies

2. Public Awareness

- □ Internet <u>www.oicinternational.org</u>
- Newsletter/Brochure
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Television
- □ Flyers
- Posters
- Seminars/Workshops/Conferences and Meetings

3. Educational Institution

■ Universities/Community Colleges

4. Agricultural Events and Activities

- Small Farms Week
- Farmers Market
- CES Regional and County Meetings
- 2501 project \Technical Assistance meetings
- Agriculture Day at NCA&TSU
- School of Agriculture Meetings
- Departmental Meetings

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submission of application.
- Screening of application by A&T, FSA Coordinator and OICI Director.
- Recommendation/rejection of application.
- Notification letter to applicants.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS

- Visa
- Health and Life Insurance
- Food allowance of \$25.00 per day
- Immunization
- Transportation Cost

VOLUNTEER PREPARATIONS

A&T Volunteer responsibilities:

- Passport Acquisition
- Visa Acquisition (Tri-visa)
- Immunization (Depends on host country's recommendation)
- Assignment preparation by Specialists

VOLUNTEER PREPARATION

OIC International in US/abroad responsibilities:

- Arrangements with government or nongovernment organizations in host country
- Receives volunteer at port of entry, takes volunteer to his\her residence, introduces volunteers to host organization
- Monitors the comfort and safety of the volunteer
- Logistics

EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

- Non-traditional agricultural products
- Natural resource management
- Water management
- Post harvest technology
- Agribusiness enterprises
- Value added processing
- Value chain approach
- Capacity building
- Vegetable production
- Marketing

EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

- Apiculture
- Post harvest lost
- Agro forestry
- Quality control
- Seed multiplication
- Irrigation systems
- Integrated pest management
- Micro enterprise
- Pest and disease management
- Soil management
- Agricultural technique

FSA VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION









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NETWORKING

- OIC International
- Farmer to Farmer Organizations
- Academic Departments at A&T
 (School of Agriculture, Foreign Languages Business and Economics)
- USDA Agencies
- Universities Partnering with OIC International
- Volunteer Organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Churches
- Small\large Farmers
- Communities

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